Mr. T. SYED KHAJA PEERAN SAHIB.—Under the existing scale, it takes about 15 long years for a junior official to reach his maximum of Rs. 40. Why not raise the annual increment from Re. 1 to Rs. 2?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The question may be considered, but I cannot say off-hand that it would be acceptable.

Mr. C. V. RAMAN.—Will the Government consider the question of revising the pay of at least those who are drawing less than Rs. 50?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It is all a question of funds.

Mr. MIR MAHOMED HUSSEIN.—Are the Government aware that the taluk officials have several methods of supplementing their income?

Mr. B.T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Government do not believe so.

Mr. KHAJI SYED YUSUF SAHIB.—Once a man is appointed in a place and works satisfactorily, why not give him annual increments even before he is confirmed?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If he is not confirmed, he cannot expect to draw increments. But after he is confirmed in a permanent place, even if he is acting in another temporary vacancy, he will get his usual increment.

Mr. KHAJI SYED YUSUF SAHIB.—My suggestion is that whether permanent or not, officials must be given increments.

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Government will consider the suggestion.

Mr. Ballam SRINIVASA RAO.—It is very necessary that salaries of primary school masters also should be enhanced. Their pay is sometimes less than that of peons in certain offices.

Working Hours of Taluk Offices.

Q—4. **Messrs. M. B. GURULINGIAH** and **S. L. MUDDUBASAVIAH** (Closepet Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there is a rule fixing the hours of work for officials in the Taluk Offices;

(*b*) whether the rule is being strictly followed;

(*c*) whether they know that these officials work from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT** (**Rajasevaprasakta B. T. Kesavaiengar**).—

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) No.

Mr. M. B. GURULINGIAH.—Are the Government aware that the officials are also denied the benefit of holidays?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If they work regularly during the working days, there will be no need for them to work on holidays.

Mr. M. B. GURULINGIAH.—They work hard and yet they have to attend office on holidays also. In this view, why not at least improve their pay?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Pay and hours of work in an office cannot strictly be regulated on a wage basis.

Mr. M. B. GURULINGIAH.—Will the Government be pleased either to issue instructions that the officials must be asked to work only between 11 A.M. and 5 P.M. or to enhance the pay of the poor officials?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If they have to attend office on holidays also, it only shows the necessity for adding to the establishment, rather than to the pay.

Mr. M. B. GURULINGIAH.—If the Government feel that the staff is inadequate, why not increase it?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Where there is necessity for it, the question always receives due consideration.

Mr. M. B. GURULINGIAH.—Do the Government think that the taluk establishments are not working satisfactorily?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That may also be one of the probabilities.

Mr. M. B. GURULINGIAH.—If they are working efficiently and satisfactorily, why do the higher officials insist upon their working overtime?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Government have received no complaints to that effect.

Mr. JATHARE NAIK.—How are the hours of work in the various Government offices the concern of this House?

Mr. SEETHARAMIAH.—Will not the general public be put to great difficulty if the working hours in a Taluk Office are defined?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It is the intention of Government that work should be attended to during the prescribed hours.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—But if they have to work overtime, will the Government give them overtime allowance?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Not possible. The establishment of each office is fixed with reference to the amount of work to be transacted by it and if that amount of work is not completed, the officials will have to work beyond the prescribed hours.

Supply of Text-books in time.

Q.—5. Mr. S. L. MUDDUBASAVIAH (Closepet Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the text-books prescribed for study in the middle schools are being supplied in time;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that the students and their guardians have been running up and down the book depots daily for the purchase of books;

(*c*) the number of students studying for the upper primary and the middle school examinations during the last year (particulars to be furnished);

(*d*) the number of Kannada text-books printed during last year, the number of students studying during the current year and the books supplied for the current year?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).—

(*a*) Being done as far as possible.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) Information is not readily available.

(*d*) The number of Kannada text books printed and supplied in 1938-39 and 1939-40 is 18,000 and 19,000, respectively. Information is not readily available regarding the number of students studying during the current year.

Mr. S. L. MUDDUBASAVIAH.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that for several months after the schools re-opened, text-books were not available for children?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—There will be no difficulty hereafter. As far as possible, we will see that supplies are made in time.

Mr. S. L. MUDDUBASAVIAH.—What is the difficulty in the way of furnishing an answer to sub-section (*c*) of the question?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—The information has just now been received. The number of students studying in the fourth year class was 9,638 in 1938.

Mr. S. L. MUDDUBASAVIAH.—Were no complaints received about the non-availability of text-books last year?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Not by Government.

Mr. S. L. MUDDUBASAVIAH.—Not even by the Education Department?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—They might have probably received.

Mr. S. L. MUDDUBASAVIAH.—How long did it take to print the number of books referred to in (*d*) and when were they placed on the market?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Notice.

The SECOND MEMBER (Mr. K. V. Anantaraman).—The Government Press is making special arrangements so that, in future, books can be printed in the Government Press itself and there will be no room for complaints.

Mr. M. SUBBIAH.—Is it not possible to make the required quantities of supplies direct to headmasters of schools?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—When the books are printed in the Government Press, direct supplies can be arranged.

Mr. Y. V. MUNISWAMI IYER.—Instead of entrusting sales of books to private depots, would it not be better to send them to the headmasters who may arrange for their sale to the concerned pupils?